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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL OF DOD OFFICIAL TO NORWAY AND
SWEDEN; VISIT OF RIKSDAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN THUNBORG TO US.

REF: STOCKHOLM 2307

1. DR. MALCOLM R. CURRIE, DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING, DOD/OSD, HAS ACCEPTED OFFICIAL INVITATION BY
MOD FOSTERVOLL TO VISIT NORWAY JUNE 15-19 TO BETTER
FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ORGANIZATION,

R&D NEEDS, AND FORCE DEPLOYMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN NORTHERN
SECTOR. CURRIE PLANS TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY
NORWAY VISIT TO VISIT SWEDEN AS WELL, FROM JUNE 20-24,
TO PREPARE FOR VISIT TO US BY RIKSDAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN ANDERS THUNBORG IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY MEN-
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TIONED REFTEL. CURRIE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT

A. BASIL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS),
ODDR&E.

2. CURRIE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR IN EACH
COUNTRY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH DURING
VISITS.

3. PLANNED VISIT TO SWEDEN IS RESULT OF SUGGESTION BY
SWEDISH EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE WHO IS IN CONTACT WITH
SEVERAL SWEDISH INDUSTRIAL FIRMS. SUCH A VISIT SHOULD
MAKE THUNBORG'S CONSULTATIONS IN US MORE MEANINGFUL
BY PROVIDING CURRIE WITH FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF SWEDISH
TECHNOLOGICAL/INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITIES, PARTICULARLY
THROUGH VISITS TO VOLVO, SAAB AND LME. SINCE CURRIE LIKE-
LY TO BE PRINCIPAL DOD CONTACT FOR THUNBORG, SUCH KNOWLEDGE
WILL BE HELPFUL WHEN EXPLORING FUTURE US-SWEDISH MILITARY
R&D RELATIONSHIPS AND INITIATIVES WITH HIM DURING WASH-
INGTON VISIT.

4. JUNE VISIT TO SWEDISH INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS WILL NOT
PREEMPT CURRIE'S PLANNED OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN LATER
THIS YEAR TO CONFER WITH MOD AND ARMED FORCES, DETAILS
OF WHICH TO BE FORWARDED LATER.

5. PROPOSED SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: 6/14-DEPART US; 6/15-

ARRIVE OSLO; 6/19-DEPART OSLO, ARRIVE STOCKHOLM; 6/24-
DEPART FOR US. FIRM TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE CABLED
LATER. SINCE VISIT TO NORWAY IS OFFICIAL, ASSUMPTION IS
THAT MOD IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND
TRANSPORTATION. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONFIRM. IN SWEDEN
EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS.

6. FOR STOCKHOLM: THUNBORG MAY WISH TO DELAY HIS VISIT
TO US UNTIL AFTER CONGRESSIONAL RECESS (JUNE 27 TO JULY 7)
TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS WITH WHOM
HE DESIRES TO MEET. EMBASSY REQUESTED DISCUSS THIS
POSSIBILITY WITH THUNBORG. KISSINGER

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